

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004. New claims 20-27 have been added.

Claim 20 relates to a window comprising at least one frame (e.g., 8 and/or 9), a fixed glazing (e.g., 3) and a movable glazing (e.g., 6), the movable glazing being movable relative to the fixed glazing, an exterior sash frame (e.g., 5) and an interior sash frame (e.g., 7) supported by the at least one frame. The movable glazing is supported by at least the interior sash frame, wherein the exterior sash frame comprises first pivot means for pivotal engagement with the interior sash frame, and first snap-fit engagement means for snap-fit engagement with the interior sash frame. The first pivot means and first snap-fit engagement means are for permitting the exterior sash frame to be attached and/or removed from the interior sash frame by way of pivoting and snap-fit engagement and/or removal. Glazing mask (2) is pivotally attached to the at least one frame proximate the fixed glazing, wherein the glazing mask includes second pivot means and second snap-fit means for permitting the glazing mask to be attached and/or removed from the at least one frame by way of pivoting and snap-fit engagement and/or removal. Furthermore, a mobile sash mask (4) includes third pivot means for allowing the mobile sash mask to be pivotally inserted and attached over at least part of the combination of the exterior and interior sash frames.

While applicant does not necessarily agree with the rejection of original claim 1, the original claims have been canceled and new claims have been presented above in order to clear define over the cited art.

The cited art fails to disclose or suggest the features of new claim 20. The cited art also fails to disclose or suggest the features of new claim 27.

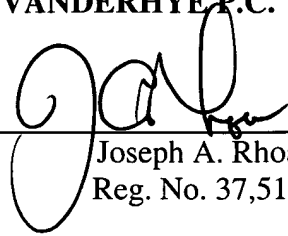
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It is respectfully requested that the application be allowed. If any minor matter remains to be resolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned with regard to the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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